

## BURLEY TOBACCO SOCIETY HAS DISPOSED OF ENTIRE HOLDINGS

**Independents Organize and Take Over the Full 25 Per Cent Which Will  
be Distributed Among Themselves.**

The biggest sale of tobacco that has ever been made in this country was brought to a close Tuesday night in this city, when the American Tobacco Company and a number of independent manufacturers took over the entire holdings of the Burley Tobacco Society which included the remainder of the 1906 crop and all of the 1907 crop, at prices that were in excess of what the most sanguine promoters of the society ever believed they would get when the society was first organized.

For a time it looked as though the independent buyers would get shut out of the deal entirely. There was only 25 per cent of the tobacco to be divided among them the other 75 per cent going to the American Tobacco Company, and in order to get as much of the tobacco as possible it was alleged by the independents that the American Tobacco Company had several subsidiary companies here for the purpose of getting in on the remaining 25 per cent as independent manufacturers and get part of it, and then turn it over to the American Tobacco Company.

### Some Indignation.

This caused the independents to become very indignant and they were asserting that they were being discriminated against in favor of the American Tobacco Company. The indignation grew to such proportions that Monday night, they held a meeting, at which resolutions were adopted calling upon President LeBus and the Burley Society Executive Committee to issue an order barring the American Tobacco Company, and its subsidiary companies and representatives alleged to be here for the purpose of buying the pooled tobacco, from offering bids. The resolutions also asked that every person buying tobacco be required to state for whom he was acting, so as to be sure that the American Tobacco Company was not bidding, as it had been stated that the Trust would not be allowed to compete.

This resolution was presented to President LeBus and the Executive Committee and was emphatically refused. This refusal strengthened the belief of the independents that they were being discriminated against.

At nine o'clock Tuesday morning, the samples stored in the warehouse here were opened for inspection. After the buyers had arrived at the Equity building, President LeBus announced the terms of the sales. All orders, he stated, must be in by two o'clock or they would be barred. All prospective buyers were requested to inspect the samples and then file their bids. Any one buyer could buy one per cent of the crops or the entire twenty-five per cent, if he so desired. At two o'clock President LeBus stated all bids would be placed in a tin box, which he called a ballot box, but stated that it would not be "stuffed."

### On Some Conditions.

It was also stated that the independents would be required to buy on the same conditions as the American Tobacco Company, that is to take the same amount of one grade that they do of another. This arrangement did not suit the independent buyers as there are some grades that they cannot use at all; and according to that arrangement they would have to take some grades that they could not use at all and further time was asked by them until 4 o'clock to put in their bids which was granted them.

### Temporary Organization.

Immediately after dinner another meeting was held in the Brown-Proctoria hotel at which a temporary organization was formed by the independents for the purpose of purchasing the tobacco and Mr. H. D. Miller of the Friedman Tobacco Company of Philadelphia was made chairman of the association.

At 4 o'clock they submitted their proposition to the Executive Committee. The Committee then went into executive session to consider it and remained in session until 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night when at that time President LeBus handed a signed contract to Mr. Wheeler who represented the independents which

represented the independents which turned over the remaining 25 per cent to the following independent manufacturers: Blue Grass Tobacco Company of Lexington; A. O. Eschelby, Company of Covington, Ky.; People's Tobacco Company of New Orleans, La.; White Plume Tobacco Company, of Lexington, Ky.; Globe Tobacco Company, of Cincinnati, O.; Brown Tobacco Company of Rochester, N. Y.; Lovell & Buffington Company of Covington, Ky.; Fischman Tobacco Company, of Philadelphia; United States Tobacco Company of Richmond, Va.; Penn Tobacco Company of Wilkesbarre, Penn.; Larus Bros. & Company, of Richmond, Va.; Weisert Tobacco Company of St. Louis; Strader Bros. Tobacco Company of Louisville, Ky.; Axton Fishery Company of Louisville; Clark & Scott Tobacco Company of Milwaukee; J. L. Walker Tobacco Company of Covington; Whalen Tobacco Company of Rochester, N. Y.; and the Boone Tobacco Company of Covington.

The society will have nothing to do with distributing the tobacco; the independents will divide it among themselves to suit their respective needs and they will notify the society where to ship it. No one got any of the 25 per cent except the independents.

The following manufacturers who it is alleged are subsidiaries to the American Tobacco Company were barred from the sales and their bids were not considered at all: R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Salem, N. C.; R. A. Patterson Company of Richmond, Va.; and the Nall-Williams Company of Louisville. The tobacco while not purchased under the name of the independent Manufacturers' Association, will be partly controlled by that organization as it was announced Tuesday night that any member of that Association could get any amount of it they wanted by making the proper application.

President LeBus was receiving a bad hand on all sides and from the smile worn by him it was not necessary for one to ask him his opinion of the result of the sales. When asked by a News reporter how he liked the result, he declined to say anything more than that he enjoyed the fight as much as he did the victory.

### Henry B. Sherman.

Hon. Henry B. Sherman, of Greensburg, Ind., was here to witness the close of the tobacco deal. Mr. Sherman is entitled to large credit for the organization of the Burley Society of Equity. In the closing weeks of 1906, he worked almost night and day as lecturer and organizer. It was in the famous whirlwind campaign. Pledges of growers were taken on the condition that fifty per cent of the one hundred and twenty thousand acres be subscribed by January 1st, 1907.

On the morning of that day it was found that there was a shortage of twenty thousand acres. The meeting was held in this city. Steps were immediately taken to secure additional pledges. By four o'clock p. m., fifty-three per cent of the acreage was pledged. The city was full of tobacco growers. When success was assured, there was great rejoicing.

A meeting was held at the Opera House and Mr. Sherman was the principal speaker. At night the Elks gave a Dutch lunch to which everybody was invited.

Mr. Sherman in his enthusiasm made about a dozen speeches as follows: "The Society of Equity is coming down the pike with head up and tail over the dashboard."

Mr. Sherman is now engaged as organizer for the Farmers' Society of Equity, a national organization. He is untiring in his praise of Winchester and Clark county.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license was issued Wednesday morning to Mr. Floyd Fennell and Miss Ore Mae Kinkred, both of this county.

Mrs. T. D. Chenault, of Lexington, will be the guest of Mrs. T. W. L. Vanmeter, Friday.

## BLUE GRASS LEAGUE ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

**B. R. Jouett of Winchester Chosen  
as One of the Directors  
For 1909.**

A meeting of the Blue Grass League was held in the office of President G. I. Hammonds in Lexington Tuesday. The object of the meeting was to elect officers and get the business in shape for the season of 1909. G. I. Hammonds was re-elected president and also made secretary T. A. Sheets was chosen treasurer.

The Board of Directors elected are as follows: M. C. Kellogg, Richmond; B. R. Jouett, Winchester; T. J. Ballard, Lawrenceburg; W. J. Kennedy, Frankfort; T. A. Sheets, Lexington; and J. Baldwin, Shelbyville. The Spalding League Ball was adopted.

Messrs. H. H. Phillips and J. Q. Stewart who purchased the franchise of the Frankfort and Shelbyville teams at a previous meeting, having received from Kennedy & Nell, of Frankfort and J. Ballard of Shelbyville the amount they paid transferred the franchises to them.

Those present at the meeting were M. C. Kellogg and Mr. Taggart of Richmond; W. J. Kennedy, Frankfort; J. Baldwin, Shelbyville; W. R. Thomas and H. H. Phillips, Winchester; W. Young, Lawrenceburg; T. Sheets, Lexington; President G. I. Hammonds; Johnson & Mapother, representing Spalding and George Burchel, representing A. J. Reach Sporting Goods Company.

It was decided to meet in Richmond in February and arrange the schedule and employ the umpires for the season of 1909.

## PARENTS' DAY AT THE CITY SCHOOL

**Large Number of Visitors Enjoy the  
Exercises and See the Fire  
Drill.**

Many visitors were present at the High School Chapel exercises, Wednesday morning. The weekly address was delivered by Dr. William B. Ricks, of Bowling Green, Ky. The speaker told the story of "Samuel" in a charming manner that was appreciated by all present.

The Thanksgiving songs and other exercises by the children of the primary grades were greatly appreciated, as well as the choruses by the High school students. Visitors also greatly enjoyed the fire drill and expressed the opinion that it would pay the patrons of the school to be present at a fire drill as well as to see other work being done in the school.

Visitors—Rev. Wm. B. Ricks, Bowling Green; Rev. O. J. Chandler, Rev. Geo. W. Bell, Mesdames Herbert Scivener, Harry Tanner, Bettie B. Anderson, E. Gippie Simpson, N. J. Henderson, D. Thompson; Misses Ida M. Parrish, M. B. F. Miller, Ruby Bush, Messrs. Geo. N. Kohlbas, Jesse Ohver, class of '08, F. H. Jackson, W. M. Harding, and J. Newt. Renaker.

The visiting members of the Board of Education were: Messrs. J. B. Cornett, Zena Bruce and Jas. N. Hisle.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The Union Thanksgiving services will be held Thursday morning at 10:30 a. m., in the Methodist church. Dr. Wm. B. Ricks will preach. All are invited to attend.

### ISSUED \$64,000 IN BONDS.

In The News article yesterday giving the cost of maintaining the roads in this county, it inadvertently said that it cost \$190,000 to make the pikes free. What it meant to say was that after the pikes were purchased, the indebtedness was \$190,000. The amount of bonds issued to pay for the pikes was \$64,000.

Miss Willie Hieatt, of Georgetown College, came home to spend Thanksgiving, and was accompanied by a schoolmate, Miss Virgie Lewis, of Shelby county.

## RAIN BRINGS FARMERS JOY

**Tuesday and Wednesday Showers  
Have Helped County Very  
Much.**

Throughout the county come reports of the joy of the farmers Wednesday morning. Early Tuesday morning it began a slow rain which kept up off and on during the entire day.

The supply of stock water throughout the county was in some places exhausted and in others it was getting so low that conditions had become alarming. The small grain crops were also suffering for rain and had not the rain come when it did, the wheat crop would have been an utter failure.

The water in the town cisterns were also getting low. In more than half of the homes, water had to be carried from those neighbors whose supply was not exhausted.

At five o'clock Wednesday morning, another hard dashing rain came which has flushed the open sewers in the city which had become very offensive and dangerous during the long drouth.

## DR. RICKS OPENS TO A LARGE AUDIENCE

**Preaches Interesting Sermon on "The  
Harvest is Plenteous, But  
the Laborers are Few."**

Rev. Mr. Ricks preached Tuesday night to a large audience of attentive and earnest listeners at the Methodist church. One of the very interesting features of the meeting is the splendid chorus singing. Rev. Mr. Weldon of the Louisville Conference is leading the large choir, and all the people join in singing the old hymns and popular songs.

Rev. Mr. Ricks' subject was, "The Harvest is Plenteous, But the Laborers are Few." Text—Matt. 9:37-38.

### Conditions in Winchester.

Dr. Ricks said in part, "This text does not apply alone to China or to Africa or any or all of the great heathen nations with their millions of lost souls; but it applies to Winchester, this city of fine schools, splendid homes and high culture."

I want to talk awhile about conditions in Winchester. Take a religious census. This is a city of 10,000. Take out the colored people and the children who have not reached the age of accountability and we have perhaps 6000 left. Out of that number only about 3000 belong to the church and hardly half of that number are active Christians. Think of it 3000 people here in Winchester lost. Truly the harvest is plenteous.

### What About Workers.

What about the workers. How many church men have said anything to their lost friend in the last twelve months about their souls? How many church men have talked with their unaved clerks or their partners about their relation to Christ? How many women have made it a practice to seek to save some of their lost sisters in the social world? Where are the laborers?

### Situation is Bad.

The situation is bad enough even here in Winchester. How will we meet it? Let us meet it in God's way. How is God's way, pray, pray. The Lord's method of sending laborers into the harvest is by prayer. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send laborers."

Then Mr. Ricks told of many incidents in his own experience, how that persons had been prepared to win souls to Christ by earnest prayer and closed by making a very earnest appeal for the Christian people to seek for the spirit of prayer.

These services will continue for two weeks twice daily at 10:30 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. The public is cordially invited to all these services.

Hon. N. B. Hays, of Frankfort, former Attorney General under the last Beckham administration stopped over in this city Tuesday morning with his brother, Judge Smith Hays, while he was on his way to London, to attend the Federal Court.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR MEETING

**Much Business Transacted—Schools  
To Have Holiday Until  
Monday.**

The Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Mr. J. N. Hisle, was unanimously elected to act as President of the Board in the absence of President Strother.

A large amount of business was transacted, the following items being the most important:

The annual report of the Secretary, Mr. H. W. Scrivener, was received and referred to an auditing committee composed of W. A. Adams, Zena Bruce and Dr. C. H. Reese.

A committee composed of J. N. Hisle, W. A. Adams and W. H. Scrivener was appointed to remove the rear fences from around Hickman street school grounds, and grade the school yard.

Holiday was ordered for Friday as well as Thursday of this week.

A resolution was adopted urging parents to have their children to be more regular in attending the school as absence greatly interferes with progress of pupils and also urging friends and parents to manifest their interest in the City Schools by visiting the school and inspecting the work of the various grades on Parents' Day or Wednesday of each week.

## DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE ENDORSES MR. McCORD

**Asks Governor to Appoint Him to  
Position on Board of  
Control.**

At the meeting of the Democratic County Committee, November 23, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, A vacancy occurs January 1st, 1909, in the membership of the Board of Control of the Charitable Institutions of the State, and whereas said vacancy is to be filled by the Governor's appointment of a Democrat, therefore, be it resolved by the Democrat Committee of Clark county in regular meeting assembled: First, That we endorse Mr. Woodson McCord, of Clark county for appointment on said Board, and urge the Governor to appoint him to said position.

Second, That we recommend and insist upon his appointment, as we know him to be a man of unquestioned integrity, ability and unswerving devotion to duty, and in every way qualified to discharge with credit to the Commonwealth, the duties devolving upon a member of the Board of Control.

Third, That we recommend him as a Democrat, but one who holds official duty, high above his allegiance to party politics.

J. M. STEVENSON, Chairman.

L. B. COCKRELL, Secretary.

No more conscientious official ever lived than Mr. McCord, and we join with the Committee in urging his appointment.

## MILLERS MET IN LEXINGTON, TUESDAY

**D. T. Matlock of Winchester Acts  
as Toastmaster at the  
Smoker.**

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 25.—The Central Kentucky Miller's Association was in session yesterday afternoon and evening at the Phoenix Hotel. About 40 representatives of the flour mills of Central Kentucky were in attendance. The afternoon session was followed by a smoker at night. Mr. D. T. Matlock, of Winchester, was toastmaster and toasts were responded to by Messrs. Giltner of Eminence; Renick, of Paris; Cain, of Versailles; Wolfe, of Georgetown; Morrison, of this city; Zaring, of Richmond and Linley, of Cynthiana. Among others who attended was M. T. McEldowney of Winchester.

### Unhappily Phrased.

A physician advertised that, at the request of his friends, he had removed near the church yard, and trusted that his removal would accommodate many of his patients.

## STEAMER TAKES FIRE; 200 LOST

**Flames Destroy Boat in Harbor at  
Malta and Many  
Perish.**

### Special to The News.

VALETTA ISLAND, Malta, Nov. 25.—Fire destroyed the Ellerman line steamer "Sardinia" in the harbor here just after clearing for Egypt. Two hundred people perished. A strong wind fanned the flames and the high seas prevented the rescuers from giving aid. Scores were drowned and many others were cremated.

## FINE COLLECTION FROM CITY SCHOOL

**Winchester Children Give \$78.74 to  
Aid Children's Home.**

Last Friday morning, in the City Schools, a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Children's Home at Louisville, Ky.

It was a great sight to see how readily the children responded to aid the children under the care of the Children's Home. It is a part of the child's education to be taught to be generous to others, especially those in need. The patrons of the City School have every reason to be proud of the giving spirit of their children.

Below is the amounts collected by each grade:

Grade I. ....	\$ 6.32
Grade II. ....	3.50
Grade III. ....	7.44
Grade IV. ....	8.06
Grade V. ....	9.83
Grade VI. ....	10.68
Grade VII. ....	12.50
Grade VIII. ....	7.10
Grade IX. ....	6.65
Grade X. ....	3.50
Grade XI. ....	3.16

Total collection .....\$78.74

## DR RICKS SPEAKS TO THE SCHOOL CHILDREN

**Gives Very Interesting Lecture on the  
Life and Works of  
Samuel.**

Dr. W. B. Ricks delivered an address Wednesday morning at the street building to the members of the Winchester High School and a number of visitors. Dr. Ricks said in part that there were two voices calling to every boy and girl. One calling them to duty, purity and love; the other, calling to sin, crime and folly. One voice is that of God, the Father, the other that of the Devil, the soul destroyer.

He said that every boy and girl must do something. If they did not good, they would do evil. The call of God is to a life of service, love and helpfulness of one's fellow men and happy is the boy that heeds this call.

Some parents seem to think that if their boys are engaged to make money and their girls to get into society, that they are successful. This is a very low plane in which to pitch a human life. He said that Samuel was pious and that he liked the word. It means positive goodness. This goodness was shown in ready obedience to the call of his superior. He recalled that many of the very great men had been Godly and pious in their childhood.

Boys and girls are respected for piety and purity manifested in their lives. He called attention of his hearers to two great truths that one must learn to obey before being able to command and to follow before they are able to lead.

## SKATING RINK IS TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY.

Mr. R. S. Scobee, manager of the Auditorium skating rink, wishes to announce that after Wednesday night, the rink will close until the various protracted meeting are over. This is done so as not to interfere with the meetings, and to allow the rink employees to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Estin Hieatt, of Lexington, are visiting Mr. W. P. Hieatt and family.